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FIG. 1

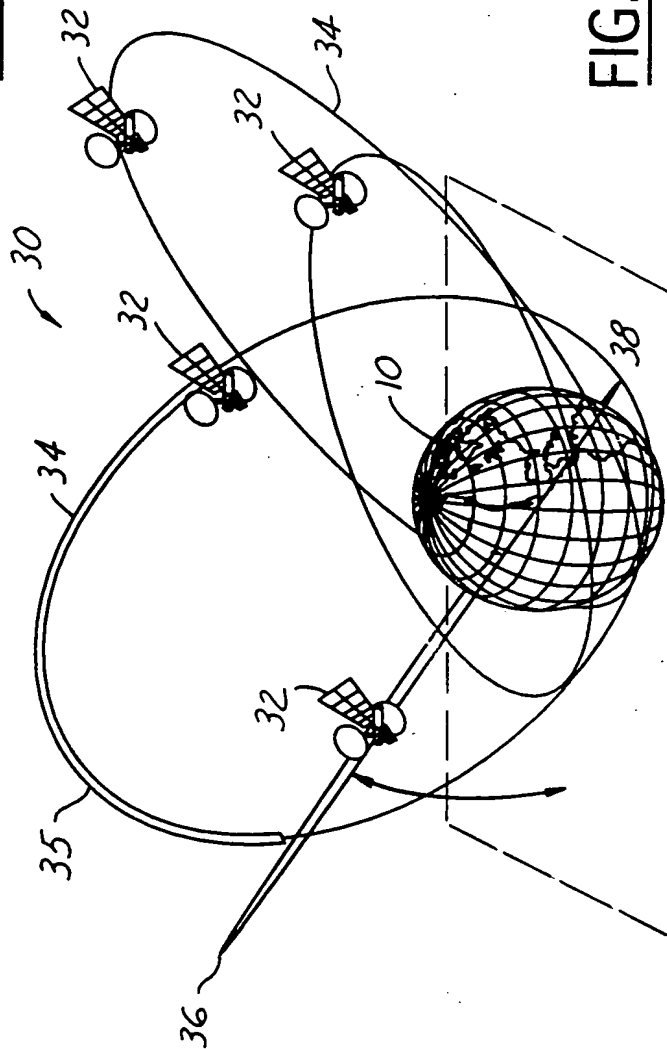


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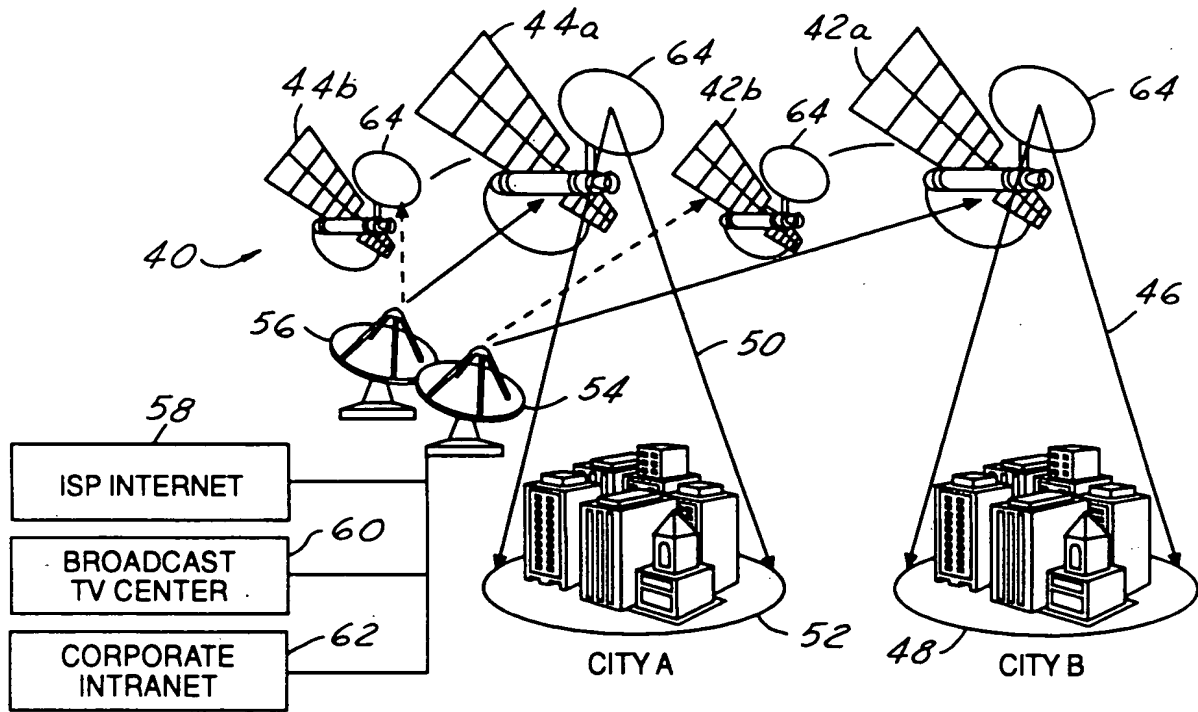


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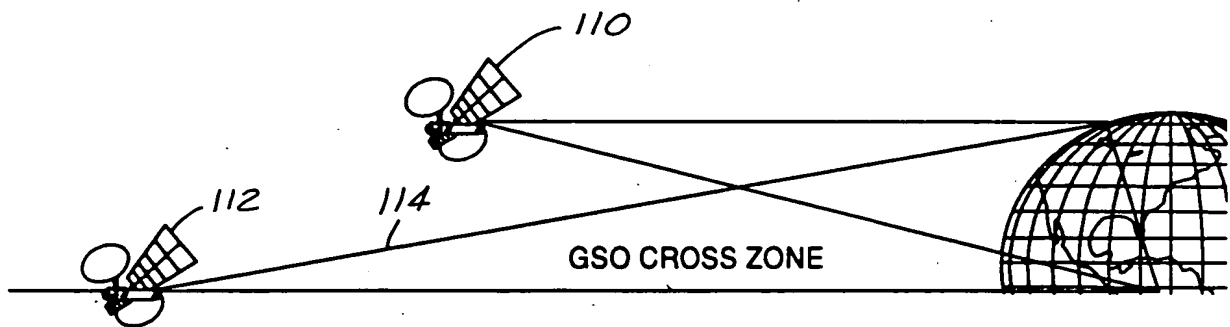


FIG. 18

1 CASE	2 NUMBER OF TOTAL SATELLITES [X]	3 NUMBER OF ACTIVE SATELLITES [K]	4 ORBIT PERIOD PERCENTAGE (% OF SIDEREAL DAY S) [1/M*100%]	5 ACTIVE PERIOD PERCENTAGE (% OF SIDEREAL DAY S) [K/X*100%]	6 EXAMPLE ORBIT PARAMETERS I (INCLINATION) & E (ECCENTRICITY)	7 COVERAGE FEATURES (REF. SHOWN BELOW)	8 REFERENCE FIGURE
1	2	1	100% (M = 1)	50% (~12 HOURS)	I (50°), E (0.1)	R*, HE*	FIGURE 5
2	3	1	100% (M = 1)	33% (~8 HOURS)	I (50°), E (0.13)	R*, EHE*	FIGURE 6
3	3	2	50% (M = 2)	66% (~16 HOURS)	I (40°), E (0.3)	PM*	FIGURE 7
4	4	2	50% (M = 2)	50% (~12 HOURS)	I (40°), E (0.3)	PM*	
5	4	3	33% (M = 3)	75% (~18 HOURS)	I (16°), E (0.66)	G*, LO*	FIGURE 8
6	5	3	33% (M = 3)	60% (14.4 HOURS)	I (35°), E (0.66)	G*, PM*	
7	6	3	33% (M = 3)	50% (12 HOURS)	I (35°), E (0.66)	G*	
8	5	4	25% (M = 4)	80% (~19.2 HOURS)	I (35°), E (0.58)	G*	FIGURE 7
9	6	4	25% (M = 4)	66% (~16 HOURS)	I (35°), E (0.58)	G*	
10	7	4	25% (M = 4)	57% (~13.7 HOURS)	I (35°), E (0.58)	G*	
11	8	4	25% (M = 4)	50% (12 HOURS)	I (35°), E (0.58)	G*	

*R: REGIONAL, HE: HIGH ELEVATION, EH: EXTREMELY HIGH ELEVATION, G: GLOBAL, LO: LANDMASS OPTIMIZED, AND PM: PRIMARY MARKET

FIG. 4

A map of the North Pacific Ocean region, showing the coastline of North America on the left and the coastline of Asia on the right. The map includes latitude markings from 80 to -80 and longitude markings from -150 to 0. Two stations are indicated: station 74, marked with a solid line and a small circle, and station 72, marked with a dashed line and a small circle. Station 74 is located in the central North Pacific, while station 72 is located further south and east, near the Japanese archipelago.

FIG. 6

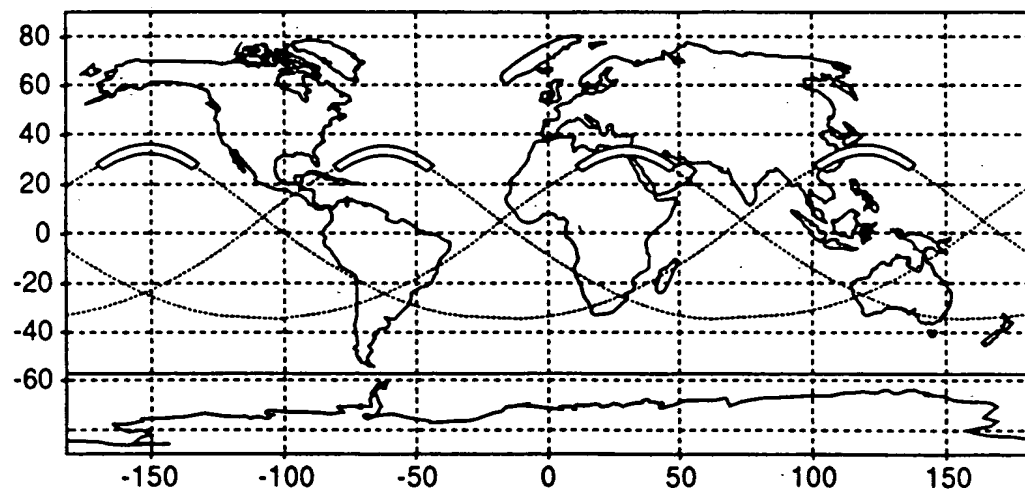
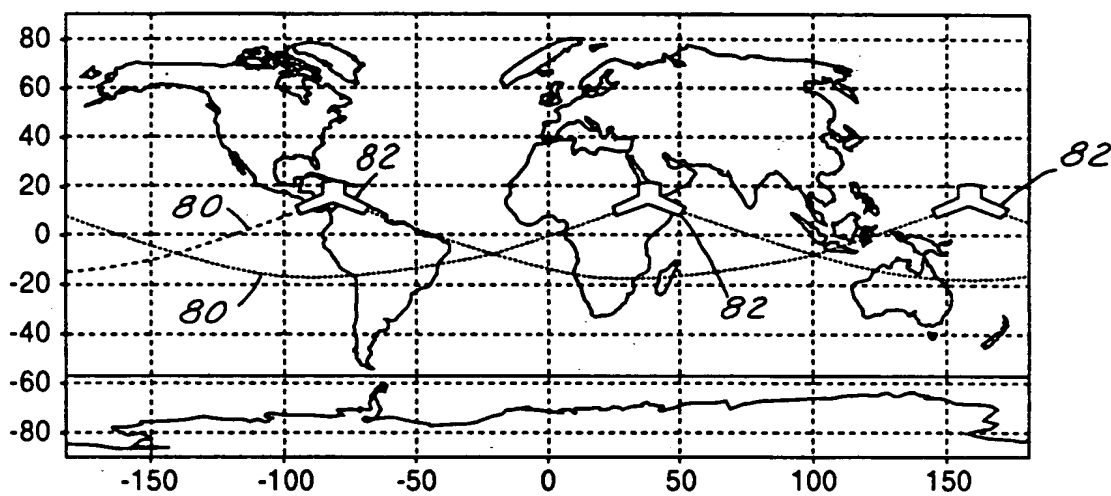
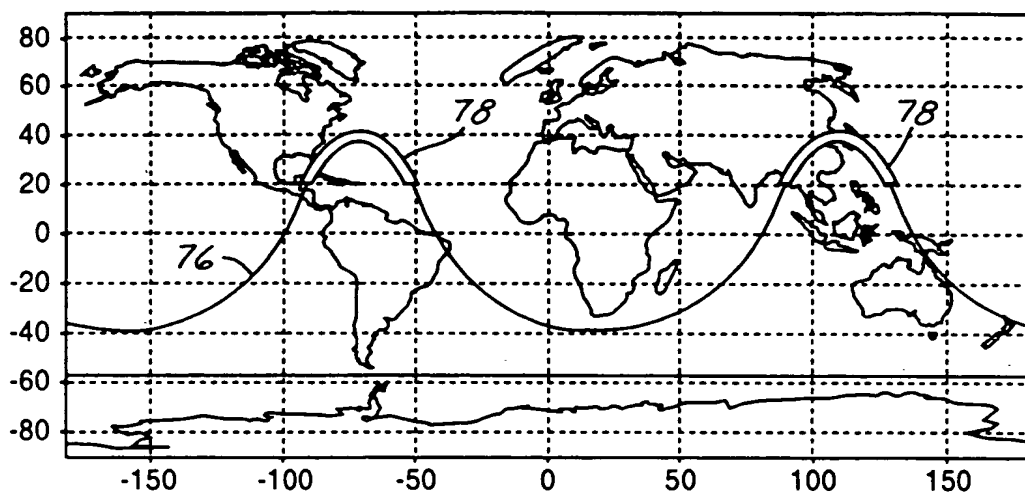


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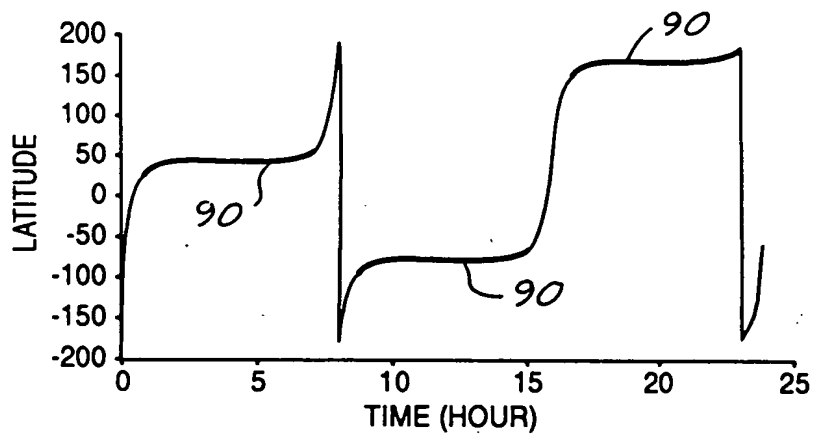


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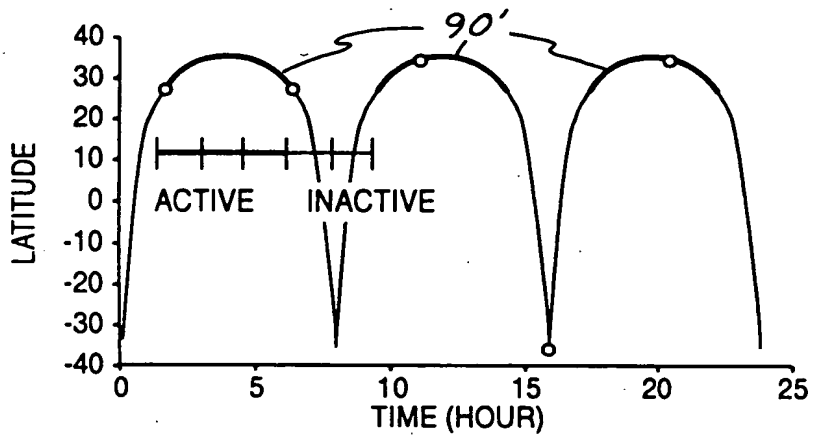


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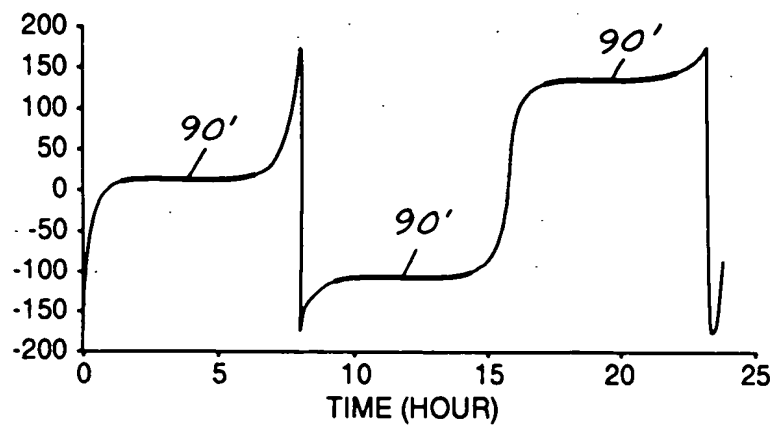


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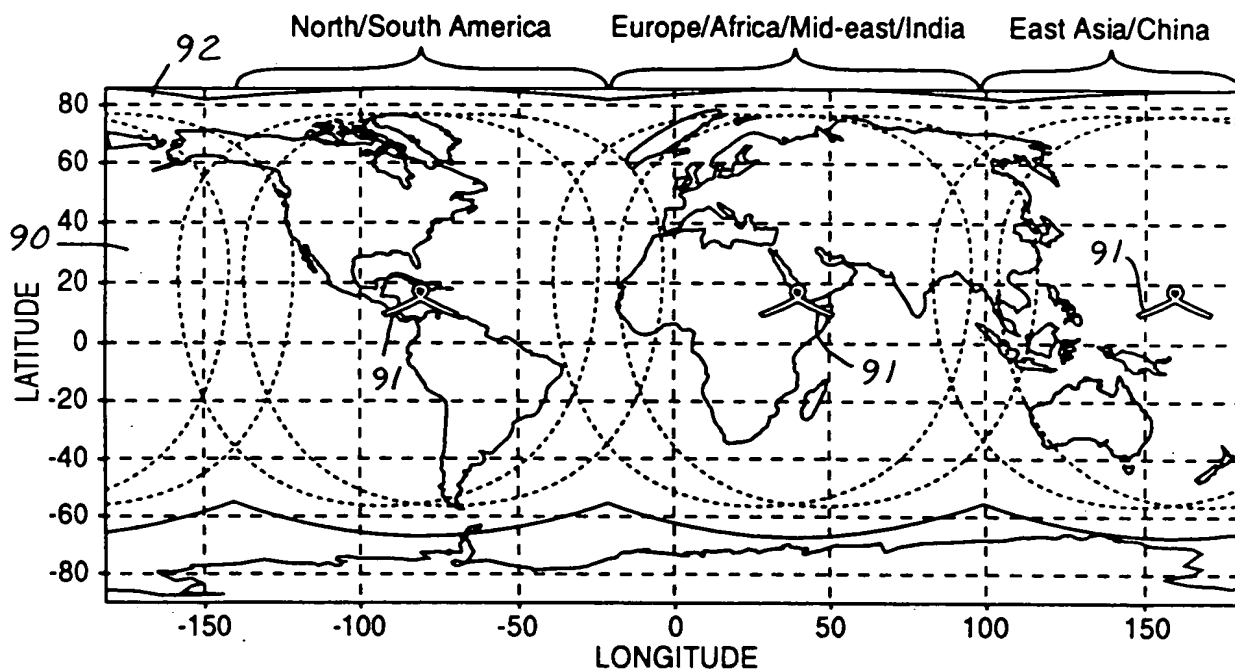


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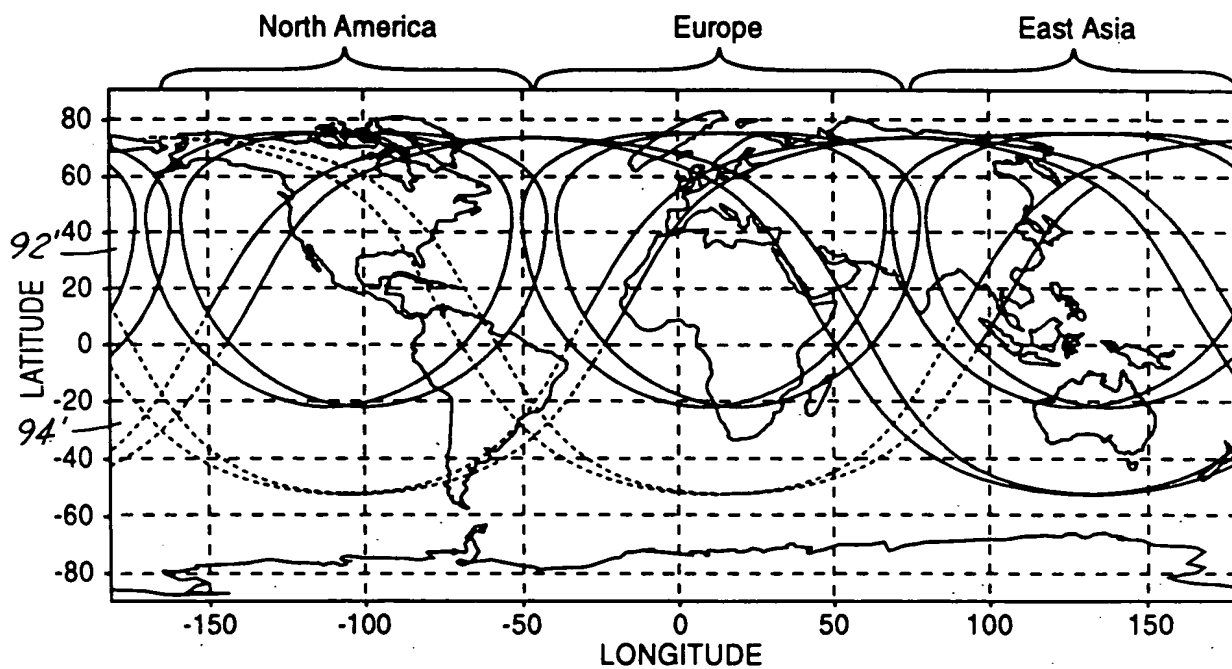


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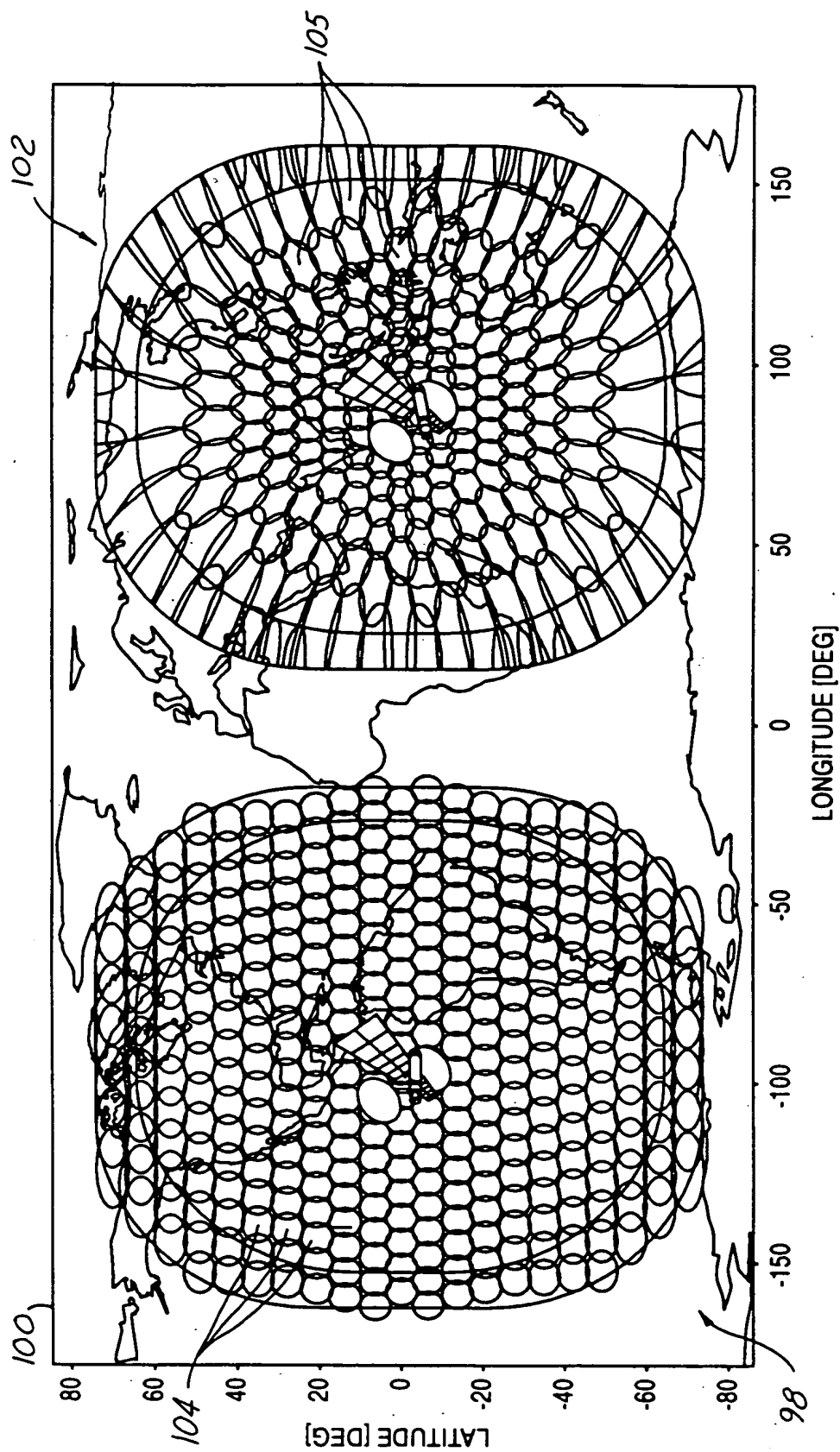
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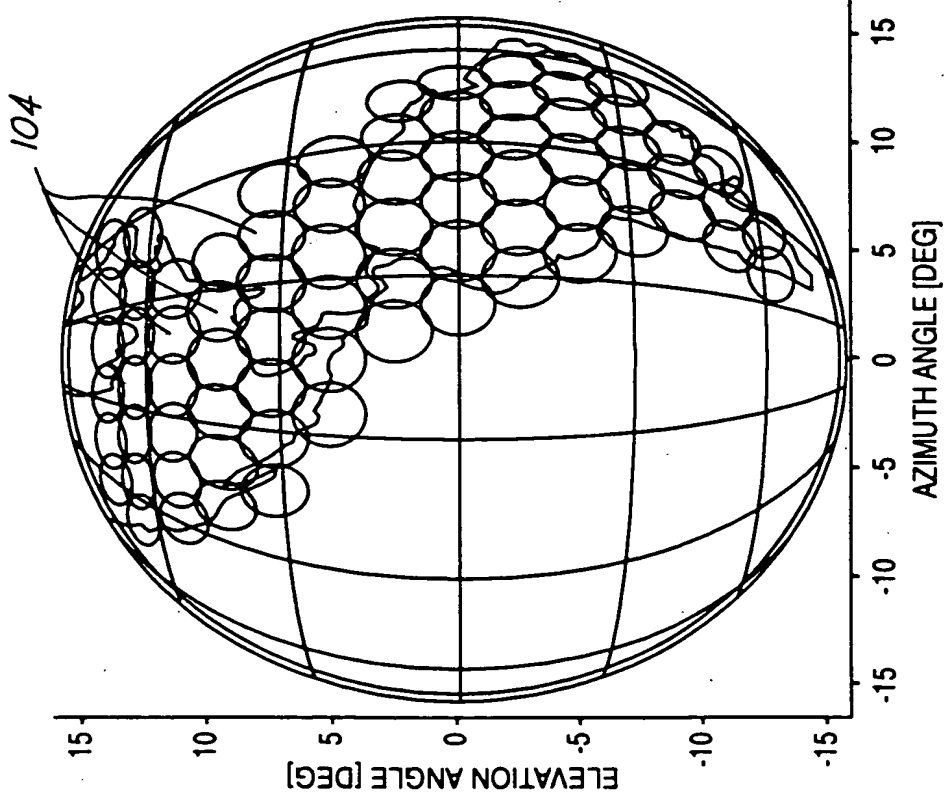


FIG. 17A

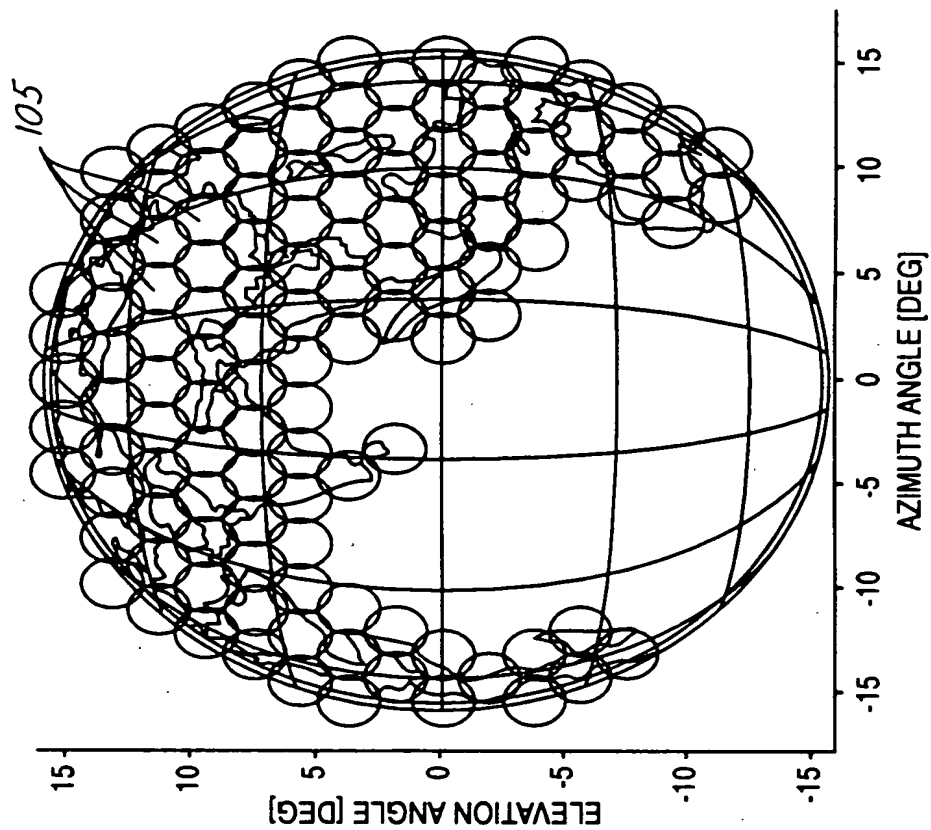


FIG. 17B